



**LUNCH BREAK:** Hsing-Hsing, the mail giant panda at the National Zoo in Washington, eats bamboo while sunning in the outside portion of his enclosure Thursday. The panda was a gift to this country from Red China as a result of President Nixon's visit to that country in 1972. (AP Wirephoto)

## Death Threat Kept Kidnapping A Secret

HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP) — The disappearance of American Vice Consul John Patterson was kept secret five days because the ransom note contained a death threat, another American diplomat reported Thursday night.

"That was the main reason we didn't want to break this, because they said if this was published they would carry out the threat," the source said.

Patterson, 31, disappeared last Friday after he left the United States Consulate in Hermosillo with an unidentified man for a livestock meeting. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City announced Wednesday that he had been kidnapped, and sources in Washington reported a ransom note demanding

\$500,000 and signed by the People's Revolutionary Army of Mexico had been slipped under the consulate door.

American officials said the U.S. government would not modify its policy of refusing to pay ransom for its employees. But Consul-General Elmer E. Yelton said Patterson's 28-year-old wife "had made every possible effort to follow instructions contained in the ransom note."

"Mrs. Patterson has received no word from her husband or third parties," he said.

The Washington Star-News reported that Patterson's family in Philadelphia had raised \$250,000 demanded by the kidnappers as the first part of the ransom. The paper said the first



JOHN PATTERSON  
Held For Ransom

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## Kissinger, Dayan To Meet

## Mideast Talks Pushed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has promised the Russians he will keep in close touch as he tries to work out an Israeli withdrawal in the Golan Heights.

Kissinger begins his talks with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan today. He returned Thursday night from his trip to Moscow, which he said failed to accomplish a breakthrough that could lead to a new arms limitation agreement with the Soviets.

Kissinger reports to Nixon before meeting with Dayan.

The secretary clearly expects the Israelis to concede some pre-October War territory on the Golan Heights, possibly even the city of Quneitra, in addition to withdrawing from the ground gained after the joint Yom Kippur attack by Syria and Egypt.

A senior U.S. official said Kissinger hopes to work out outlines of a troop separation agreement separately with Israel and Syria within a month and then swing through the Middle East to nail it down.

Besides his frequent contacts with the Soviets through Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, he intends to enlist the aid of Egypt and Algeria in persuading the Syrians to limit

their demands. Kissinger receives Dayan at the State Department after a tough three-day round of negotiations with the Soviets in Moscow. He had left for the trip hoping to achieve breakthrough that would lead to a new treaty

limiting offensive nuclear weapons. Failing in that, however, he may have gained some ground on Jewish emigration and confirmed that President Nixon intends to go to a Moscow summit with Communist party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Earlier in the day, Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger said that Nixon would not sacrifice U.S. interests in strategic arms talks merely to avoid impeachment problems.

Schlesinger told a news conference that "Anyone who knows President Nixon knows

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The story said Kleindienst's lawyer has told the Watergate special prosecutor's office that the former Cabinet officer is willing to admit he made false or misleading statements about the ITT case during Senate

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## Solzhenitsyn And Family Reunited In Switzerland

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Alexander Solzhenitsyn and his family were joyously reunited in Zurich today 44 days after the Nobel Prize-winning author was banished from Russia.

Holding a small bouquet of red and white carnations, he boarded the Swissair jet that brought them from Moscow. His wife rushed into his arms, they embraced silently for 30 seconds, then he broke away and kissed his four children and mother-in-law.

Solzhenitsyn refused to speak to newsmen. But his wife, Natalya, said she thought her husband "is looking fine. Now all is well."

Before the exiled author was permitted to board the plane his children frantically waved through the windows attempting to attract his attention. They succeeded only after Solzhenitsyn put on his glasses and broke into a big smile.

Carrying two sons, Ignat, 18 months, and Yermolai, 3, in his arms, the bearded, 55-year-old writer stepped down the ramp and marched past some 200 newsmen and photographers to waiting limousines.

He hurriedly walked back to the plane to help his wife bring her luggage and other children to the cars.

Solzhenitsyn appeared concerned about the massive load of old suitcases in the plane's hold, and as soon as his family was safely in the cars, he dashed back to the plane to get two large suitcases.

Chatting with an interpreter about the remaining luggage, the writer put the suitcases into the cars and flipped them open to check the books and papers jammed inside before leaving the airport for his rented home in Zurich. The remaining baggage was to follow later.

Before arriving, Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said she and her family would probably remain at home for three or four days until "newsmen leave."

The happy arrival was in marked contrast to the family's tearful departure from Moscow's Sheremetev Airport four hours earlier.

More than 20 friends came to the airport to say goodbye to Mrs. Solzhenitsyn, her four sons and her mother. They included Leonid Pasternak, whose father, Boris, wrote "Dr. Zhivago" and won the Nobel Prize in 1958; Alexander Ginzburg, an author sentenced to a labor camp for displeasing the regime; and mathematician Igor Shafarevich, a member of

physicist Andrei Sakharov's unofficial human rights committee.

Also present was Lev Kopelev, carrying a thick, gnarled walking stick fashioned from an oak branch. Kopelev was a labor camp prisoner with Solzhenitsyn, and the novelist used him as the model for the character Lev Rubin in his novel "The First Circle."

"Don't cry. We will surely be back," the author's 33-year-old wife, Natalya, said tearfully.

Customs officials went through Mrs. Solzhenitsyn's hand luggage and listened to a

tape recording she had of a recent telephone conversation with her husband in Zurich. But there were no other difficulties despite fears that she would be barred from taking out some of her husband's books and papers.

The family took 28 pieces of baggage with them and shipped many other boxes of belongings to Switzerland earlier. The government apparently made no attempt to interfere with shipment of Solzhenitsyn's files

and papers, which he said were essential for him to continue the series of novels he is writing of World War II in Russia and the Bolshevik Revolution.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn, her family, friends and a caravan of taxis arrived at the airport 2½ hours before the scheduled flight time. Concerned that officials would somehow hold up her departure, she confided to a friend: "I am too tired to fight."

She had long words of goodbye for each person who had come to see her off.



**FAMILY REUNITED:** The family of exiled Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn arrived at Zurich airport from Moscow today. Pictured Solzhenitsyn with his sons Stepan (left) and Ignat,

right his wife Natalya. Also joining the writer were two other children and his mother-in-law. (AP Wirephoto)

## Energy Bill On Way

## Gas Prices To Fall?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has begun work on a new energy bill that sponsors say should result in lower prices for gasoline.

The bill introduced Thursday by Sen. Henry M. Jackson and Rep. Harley O. Staggers replaces the energy-emergency measure vetoed by President Nixon on March 6.

Jackson's Senate Interior Committee will begin final work on the bill next week, bypassing the usual public hearings.

Jackson, of Washington State, and Staggers, the West Virginian who heads the House Commerce Committee, said the new bill was offered because it was impossible to compromise differences with the Nixon administration over the vetoed measure.

The key element in the new bill would limit the ability of the large multi-national oil com-

panies to pass on to consumers the higher costs of imported oil.

Jackson said this provision

should result in sharply lower prices for crude oil, perhaps as much as \$3 a barrel below the current \$10.50 price. He said this should bring lower gasoline prices.

The senator refused to

speculate whether the new bill

could be passed over the

opposition of the Nixon adminis-

tration and oil-state representa-

tives who were against the

original measure.

Nixon's chief objection to the bill he vetoed was a provision forcing a rollback in oil prices. The new bill contains no such provision but would require the president to maintain rigid ceilings on the prices of oil and petroleum products.

The administration also

disagreed with congressional

insistence that special unemploy-

ment compensation be

provided persons who lose their jobs because of the energy shortage, and a provision in the original bill requiring disclosure of confidential oil-industry data.

With the exception of the oil-price question, the new bill is essentially the same as the old, Jackson said.

The new bill would allow the large companies to pass on to

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**Winn Is  
\$25,000  
Winner**

**Twin City  
Cabs Back  
On Street**

Twin City Cab Lines cabs, off the road since Sunday, were to be back on the streets 10 to 12 strong today, owner Jack Chaddock reported.

He shut down earlier because of a cost-price squeeze but said the public asked him to restart, so he will—awaiting Benton Harbor-St. Joseph city commission approvals of a 15-cent surcharge.

His cabs won't charge a surcharge until after the two commissions meet Monday, he said.

Chaddock said this morning his cabbies would be back on the road at noon today.

Benton Harbor city commission last Monday okayed a 10-cent surcharge.

Winner of the \$200,000 top



**WINN ELTON GUTHRIE  
Wins \$25,000**

winners were Leroy Borgman, Belding; Norbert Smith, Fremont, Ohio; and John Peter, Detroit.

Winning \$10,000 were

Golf At Paw Paw Lake. Adv.

## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorState Democrats Lose  
A Strong Frontrunner

Friends of Jerome Cavanagh received a chill two days ago at a Detroit press conference previously billed as the hour to announce his primary campaign for Governor.

Instead, the personable attorney and former Detroit mayor pretty much took himself out of the race this year.

The discovery of a cancer on one kidney, he informed the shocked audience, necessitates surgery next month.

The recovery period from that operation would seriously cut into the campaign time available until the August 6th election is held.

The news was all the more disheartening because Cavanagh appeared to be well advanced to mending a previously tattered political fence.

In 1961 at the age of 33 he won an upset victory for mayor of Detroit and easily captured re-election four years later.

During that span as chief executive of America's fourth largest city, Cavanagh gained a wide and well deserved reputation as an expert in municipal administration.

That talent, supported by an engaging personality, moved him into the forefront of Michigan politics.

It emerged second best, however, in a 1966 duel with Soapy Williams whom the regular organization supported as the best chance to win the U.S. Senate seat recently given by appointment to Robert P. Griffin.

Soapy handily defeated Cavanagh for the nomination.

The strong campaigning by Governor George Romney, then at his zenith at Lansing, earned a narrow victory for Griffin for the full term.

The result also plastered Cavanagh within his own party for sitting out Soapy's comeback effort.

The next year Detroit's west side erupted in a major race riot. Cavanagh lost a public debate to

Romney on the stumbling efforts to bring order out of chaos.

A divorce in the family followed a year later, with most of the public siding with Mrs. Cavanagh.

The sequence prompted Cavanagh not to seek re-election in Detroit for the 1969 mayoralty and later he withdrew to Ann Arbor to re-establish himself in the law practice and to remarry.

Convinced that the Michigan Democratic organization was in disarray, Cavanagh launched a second effort for the Governor's chair 14 months ago.

This week's medical dampener yields an unexpected advantage to Sander M. Levin, a Detroit lawyer, who in common with Cavanagh, has been something of a party maverick.

Gifted with an incisive mind, Levin has been neutralized politically by an equally abrasive personality.

His spadework as Democratic state chairman a few years ago is today's foundation for the party's organizational restoration. To date, however, his managerial skill has failed to draw the rank and file converts who rate charm over ability in a vote contest.

This has been the hurdle holding back Levin in two earlier bids for the Senate and the Governorship.

Whether Levin will now enjoy a clear, unimpeded shot for the gubernatorial nomination depends on how the UAW high command, the nuclear power plant in Michigan Democratic affairs, rates Levin's appeal as opposed to Governor Milliken's.

For all of his reverses, Cavanagh definitely enjoys the charisma edge over Levin.

Had not the medical misfortune struck, the odds for Jerry eliminating Sandy to oppose Bill were strong.

The Democratic leadership now has to decide on staying with a default result or rematching the preliminary.

Curious Student Ideas  
About Academic Freedom

College students, or at least a bunch of them who were queried at Iowa State University, have some curious ideas about what "academic freedom" means.

According to a report on a survey by sociologists Dwight G. Dean and Brent T. Bruton in Human Behavior magazine, of 606 students enrolled in their introductory sociology classes, only 12 could write an acceptable one-sentence definition of the term. All the rest thought it meant "freedom for students, not faculty."

No less than 419 of the students thought academic freedom meant freedom from required courses. Numerous others said it was the right to attend the college of their choice or the right to personal off-campus freedom or the right to have a say in the hiring of teachers.

One student came up with what is perhaps the definitive "undefined" of academic freedom by writing that it is "the freedom to study what I want, when I want to, if I want to."

If students don't understand the term, the sociologists ask, "what can we expect of the general public?"

Well, the general public has a more than acceptable record in this matter of permitting the untrammeled pur-

suit of truth in the groves of academe, despite some rather extreme expressions of that freedom, by both faculty and students, on some campuses in recent years.

A more pertinent question may be, if these 606 less 12 students at Iowa State and their counterparts elsewhere haven't learned what academic freedom means by the time they leave college, what can the general public expect of them?

Common Sense  
And Compassion  
Score A Victory

Many hearts have been touched by the story of little Billy Epperson. It was a happy day when this five-year-old was readmitted to his class at Golden Acres Elementary School in Houston's suburban Pasadena School District.

This was a classic case of overly rigid adherence to a school grooming code. School officials had said Billy's hair, worn long to cover a congenitally misshapen head, must be shortened. The lad's parents fought the ruling, sensibly arguing that to conform might expose the boy to thoughtless ridicule.

The school board upheld school officials. The matter was then taken into a federal court, and the judge ordered the boy reinstated. The outcome is a triumph for good sense and compassion.

## Sewing More

Home sewing is undergoing an upsurge not seen since before World War I. Women have returned to the sewing machine in 30 million American homes, according to a large sewing machine manufacturer.

Most males give their hearty endorsement to this trend, if there is economy involved and if the creations that result pass inspection. Homemade dresses could in some instances be an improvement.

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## A Champion In His Field!



Bruce Biossat

Japan Building  
Steel Miracle

eventually the tree plantings in and around the factory area will reach one million. Right now, 2,000 ducks are berthed at small ponds on the ground.

Beyond the small, old town of Oita, Nippon Steel is erecting a modern housing project to hold more than 1,500 families. It is part of the mammoth Akeno housing complex of apartments, houses, shipping, recreational and other facilities rising at the edge of Oita.

This country already produces more than 100 million tons of steel a year and is chasing hard after the United States and Russia, the only nations which surpass it. The feat is being managed though the Japanese must import 99 per cent of their iron ore and more than 82 per cent of the coking coal used in the steel-making process.

The Oita works is the newest of 10 belonging to Nippon Steel Corporation, the country's top producers. It is one of many modern, waterside plants whose volume of output and quality of product are helping Japan sweep the world with its steel exports.

This plant, like numerous others in these islands with incredibly long, winding shorelines, is built upon land 80 per cent of which was reclaimed from the sea. In addition, it stretches an angular pier out into the water to allow two 300,000-ton and one 200,000-ton ore carriers to dock at the same time.

It is intended to be the most pollution-free steel plant that can be built. At every stage of the materials-handling and manufacturing process, there are sprinklers and dust-catching mechanisms at work, settling or trapping the deadly dust. Super-tall stacks carry the cleansed by-product fumes high into the air, and sensitive recorders around the plant and at eight key locations in the surrounding countryside carefully measure polluting elements so the makers can keep the air at acceptable levels.

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Twin City  
Highlights

## Michigan DNR Holds Hearing Here

# Outdoorsmen Air Wide Range Of Grips

By BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

The Department of Natural Resources commission said "y'all come" and they did — about 140 strong — with complaints ranging from ducks to dumps in a 3 hour and 10-



ELWYN G. RANSOM  
4-Wheeler Land

minute "town hall" meeting last night.

It was the first of six statewide meetings, held at Holiday Inn south of Benton Harbor, by commissioners to get the public pulse.

Chairman Hilary F. Snell said the commission welcomes comments like those last night and seeks even more.

What came through loud and clear was the public's divergent interest in the outdoors — snowmobilers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen, ecologists, etc. — and the DNR's lack of cash to meet the demands. "It's a question of dollars," said Chairman Snell.

Park money goes back to parks, hunting and fishing fees for hunting and fishing improvement, the state legislature chips in some and so does the federal government, commissioners indicated.

But still it's not enough to boost the deer herd, increase the Great Lakes fishery, build bike and snowmobile trails, police parks and game offenders, check landfills and stream spoilers, they said.

If the public wants to, though, it can create funds for these programs by pressuring legislators, commenting to the DNR, and adding its own expertise.

A perfect example, said Commissioner Carl T. Johnson, is

southwestern Michigan's own Grand Mere Association, which has worked for years to create public ownership and conservation of the unique duneland in Grand Mere area of the Lake Michigan shoreline in Lincoln township.

"When you fight for the dollars," said Chairman Snell, "it's a question of who gets his or ...."

Some two dozen private citizen and group representatives last night spoke on snowmobiles, duck and goose hunting, stream protection, further land acquisition at Grand Mere, bicycling paths, all-terrain vehicle operating space, weedy lakes and Great Lakes fishing, illegal landfills, conservation program cutbacks for lack of cash, doe versus bucks-only hunting, wolves in the Upper Peninsula, coon hunting, and others.

For those that didn't get answers last night — and there were some — Snell promised the DNR will investigate, report, and if deemed necessary, act.

Some of the highlights:

— Sandra Mischin of Lawton and other members of the Michigan Lake and Stream Association charged Territorial Creek Estates subdivision in Antwerp township of Van Buren county has drains installed without permit, resulting in

silting of a nearby creek, yet the DNR and local officials fail to act.

Further, 16 months have elapsed since a new state waterways protection law, Act 346 of 1972, was enacted and still the rules to implement it have not been adopted, they charged.

DNR officials expressed surprise at both allegations and promised to investigate.

— John Clark, a resident of Milton township in Cass county, charged an unlicensed landfill serving mostly Indiana residents has committed "four years of misdemeanors" in his township without a crackdown by local and county officials.

DNR Director A. Gene Gazlay referred him to the department's "aggressive" solid

waste specialist and promised to investigate.

— Mrs. Junia Cupp, from Grand Mere Association, praised the DNR for obtaining 383 acres in Grand Mere but asked its support for state legislation to buy another 1,000 acres there.

— Elwyn G. Ransom of Stevensville, president of the Great Lakes Fourwheel Drive association, said the only decent spot in southwestern Michigan for off-road vehicles is 68 acres the association leases in Covert township. He pushed the DNR to obtain 100 to 200 acres here for off-road vehicles.

— Raccoon-hunter Richard J. Lehman of Buchanan said border tier coon hunters face undue competition from visiting

Indiana hunters that could largely be cured if the Michigan season delayed its start closer to that of Indiana.

— Don Vanderhoff of Grand Rapids, president of the Western Michigan Snowmobile Council, said the DNR's leased-land plan for snowmobiles failed and asked instead that DNR lease land on a narrow right-of-way from Gull Lake to Cedar Springs and back for one of the longest snow trails in the state. Seventy per cent would be Interurban right-of-way, and snowmobilers are talking of pushing the proposed trail ultimately to the Straits, he said.

Gazlay promised to explore the idea.

— Dan Greenman, secretary of the South Haven Rod & Gun

club, charged "somebody is siphoning the funds away" from the Todd farm goose hunting area in Allegan state forest and demanded that DNR fund it to "operate it the way it should be."

The DNR has had to curtail many worthwhile programs because operating costs keep rising while hunt-fish license fees have hit a plateau, Gazlay

said. The DNR hopes the legislature will kick money in from the general fund.

"Until this happens, we're going to be on kind of lean rations in these programs," he said.

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DAN GREENMAN  
Tod Farm Suffers

sorra and Virginia rail, birds he said that fly "with the sporting flurry of a wet chicken in heat."

Gazlay "partially" passed the blame to federal government for identifying birds that exist in huntin numbers but promised to further study Nelson's objection.

## Union Pact With Dwan In Effect

A first, two-year contract between driver-warehousemen and Dwan's Moving & Storage, Inc., of 727 Paw Paw, Benton Harbor, went into effect Thursday, a union official announced.

Harry Reynolds, business representative of Teamsters Local 7 of Benton Harbor, said nine employees voted unanimously Wednesday night to approve a first contract negotiated with Owner Dwan over a 2½-month period.

Reynolds estimated the wage-benefit package at \$1.10 an hour per employee over two years and said all parties are "satisfied."

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PUSH LIKE GRAND MERE: Holding a book on Grand Mere wilderness area in Lincoln township, Commissioner Carl T. Johnson told public at DNR commission "town hall" meeting here last night to push like Grand Mere Association has done for years to get results on projects. The DNR is strapped for cash but the public can pressure legislature for more funds, he suggested. At left is A. Gene Gazlay, DNR director. (Staff photo)

## Fire-Police, Again Oppose BH Charter

Benton Harbor charter commissioners in a flurry of votes last night proposed to kill the existing city pension plan a year after a new charter takes effect. The city commission would be ordered to create a new one.

The changes were immediately opposed by city police and firemen because charter commissioners failed to order a new pension commensurate with the existing one, according to International Association of Fire Fighters Local 685 President Thomas Fogarty.

The charter commission is

drafting a proposed new Benton Harbor city charter, an earlier proposed charter having been defeated by city voters Jan. 8.

Some 50 fire and policemen and wives attended last night's charter commission meeting and are irked because they were not allowed to speak, Fogarty said.

Clerk Evelyn Grenawitz reported this chain of events last night:

Charter commissioners voted 4-4 with one absent to have the proposed new charter pension provision remain the same as that in the defeated charter.

Chairman Wilbert Smith changed two sentences — to require city commission to provide a new pension plan rather than just authorize it to make one, and make the existing plan expire a year after the new charter takes effect.

Smith's changes were okayed in a 6-2 vote, but some commissioners indicated they were confused or dissatisfied with other parts of Smith's proposal.

So they voted again to include Smith's two changes and approved it 5-3, with "no's" from Smith, Ralph Lhotka and

Laurence Fish.

Firemen and policemen were also opposed to the proposed charter which was defeated at the polls.

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Convict Tries To Change 100 Year Prison Sentence

A convicted murderer moved Thursday in Berrien circuit court to set aside his guilty plea by Judge Zick to 99 to 100 years.

Rodgers filed his new court action from the state's maximum security prison at Marquette.

Assistant Prosecutor John J. Long argued Rodgers' entire court record including preliminary examination shows he knew these rights and thus knowledgeably waived them in pleading guilty.

Judge William S. White took the motion to vacate sentence, withdraw guilty plea and grant trial under advisement.

Creager made a special appearance in court Thursday with the motions filed by Rodgers from prison.

Judge Zick during sentence said the murder appeared cold-blooded and called Rodgers "a savage, an animal."

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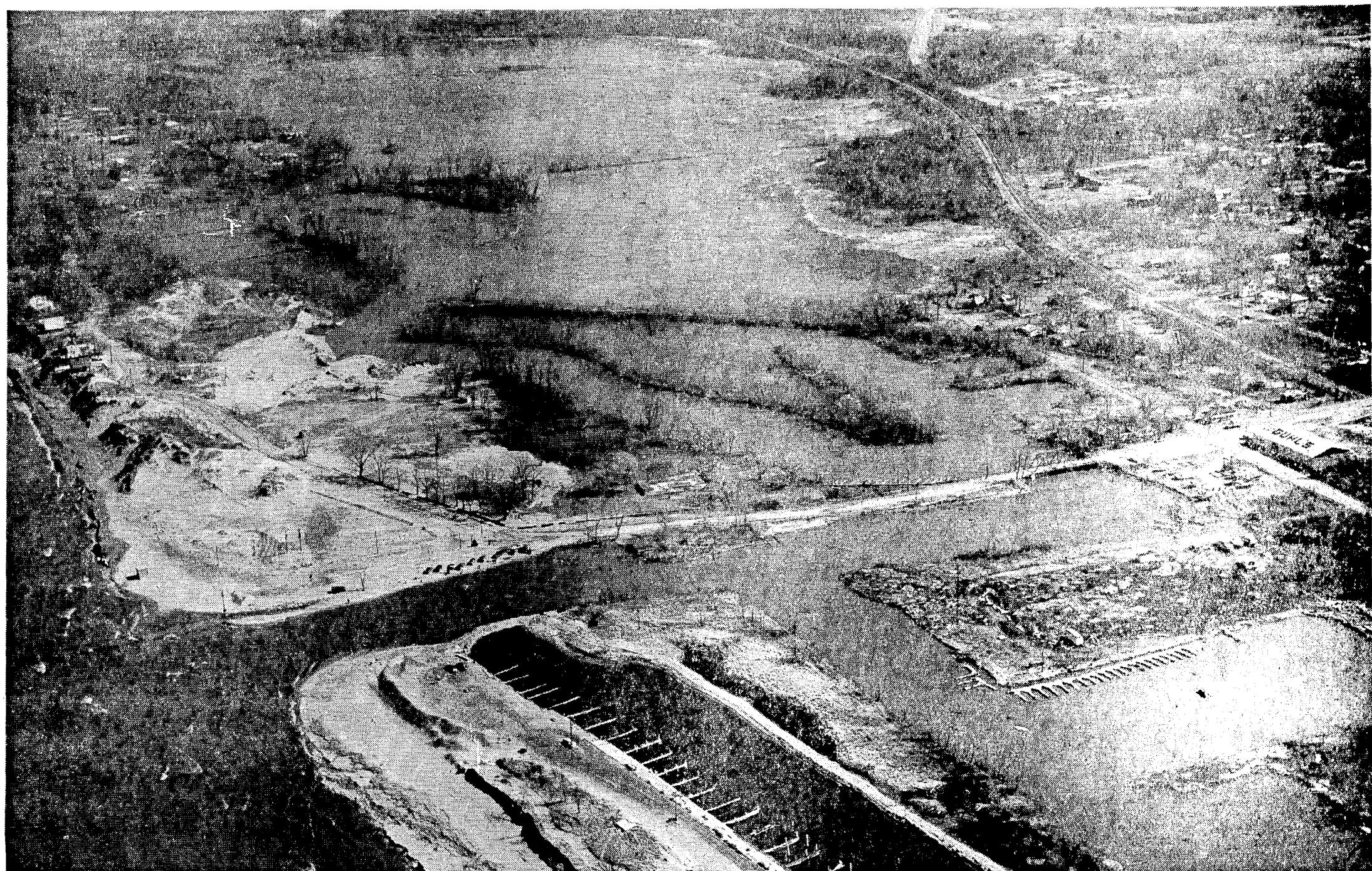
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Area  
Highlights

## New Buffalo Port Construction Begins In May



Shape of New Buffalo harbor (above) will undergo change this summer with construction of a \$2.1 million small boat refuge harbor. Work on long-stalled harbor project is expected to begin in May

by Bulterma Dock and Dredge company of Muskegon under direction of U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project will include dredging of Galien river, construction of two 1,500 foot jetties out into Lake

Michigan and creation of a feeder beach south of the jetties to prevent further shoreline erosion. Planning toward construction of harbor began in earnest in mid-1960's. Legal hassles involving easements

needed for project blocked completion of plans until last year. This view by aerial photographer Adolph Hann of Hartford looks north over harbor and flooded Galien river flood plain, top center.

## Private Marinas Would Require Sewage Facilities

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan House has passed a bill to require private marinas to install sewage pump-out facilities for on-board toilets.

The bill passed the Senate 30-1 and would strike out the provision for a sixth judge altogether.

Both chambers also appointed their representatives to a conference committee which will consider differences over a bill to preserve farmland and open land by offering land owners tax relief. The Senate balked Wednesday at approving the House version.

Finally, the House sent back to committee a bill which would have required new auto identification tags on all cars.

The bill was recalled by its sponsor, Rep. Michael Novak, D-Detroit, after published reports that he is a friend of a representative of the company which might make \$7.6 million producing the tags.

A private marina would not have to install pump-out facilities if it had contract with a public marina to use its facilities. The bill passed 93-3 and goes to the Senate.

It was a slow legislative day Thursday, with the Senate adjourning after half an hour and the House also quitting a little earlier than planned because of bad weather.

The Senate did send Gov. William Milliken a bill to maintain the number of Kent County Circuit Court judges at five.

Last year, the state Supreme Court recommended the legislature increase the number to six, which it did.

But subsequently, the county board of commissioners decided

### 3 HELD IN ROBBERY

DETROIT (AP) — Three men were arrested in connection with the \$100,000 Meyer Jewelry Co. holdup after a pillowcase containing jewelry was found in a car involved in a collision with another auto, police said.

LAKE TOWNSHIP PROJECT STARTS: Ground was broken in Lake township near Bridgeman yesterday despite wind and cold rain for township's \$3.5 million water plant and system. Ceremony took place off Red Arrow highway south of Livingston road. With shovel is Wade Shuler, township supervisor. Dwight (Curly) Holland, of Holland Construction Co., general contractor, is beside him. Behind, left to right are Jack Davis, of Woodruff and Sons; Leroy Gast, township trustee; Mrs. Elsie Reck, township clerk; and William H. Plautz, of Consoer, Townsend and associates, project consulting engineering firm. (Barbara Taylor photo)

ALLEGAN — A hearing on lawsuits filed against Allegan county's board of commissioners to block construction of a county office building at Dumont lake is scheduled to start Tuesday, April 2, in circuit court here.

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The visiting judge is to be Judge James Tehan of Shiawassee county between Lansing and Flint. The proceedings are also scheduled to be held Wednesday, April 3.

Involved in the dispute is the county commission plan to build an office building to house the county's health and social services departments at Dumont lake about 4½ miles from Allegan city, the county seat. The departments are currently located within Allegan.

Opponents of the building plan seek a permanent injunction against the project and an order restraining the county

board from holding private meetings in the court action.

The opponents contend that because of the size of the project, the decision as to whether the proposal should be undertaken should be submitted to a countywide vote.

The group, headed by an Allegan businessman, also

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Action to block the project started after the county commission rejected an appeal by Allegan residents to keep the two county departments located within the city.

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## Lake Twp. Begins Water Plant Work



BRIDGMAN — Lake township officially began construction of its \$3.5 million water system yesterday.

Officials of the township and the project construction firms held ground breaking ceremonies off Red Arrow highway south of Livingston road to mark launching of the construction phase. Ceremonies were held despite gusty wind and cold rain.

The ceremony marked completion of years-long effort by township officials to get the idea for a system off the drawing boards and into the realm of reality. It is to be done in August, 1975.

The planning began after the township was tapped to be the site of a major wire producing firm, Hoover-Ugine company.

The township is also the home of Indiana and Michigan Electric company's \$700 million nuclear power plant.

The project had initially been pegged to cost about \$2.9 million, but Township Supervisor Wade Shuler said the figure was forced upward because of inflation.

Bids accepted for the work were received in January through the Berrien county public works board and amounted \$3,423,182.

Winner of the general con-

tract for the pumping station and water filtration plant was Woodruff and Sons, Michigan City, at a cost of \$422,236. The Chicago Bridge and Iron company, Shaker Heights, Ohio, is to install the elevated water storage tank for \$251,900.

When done the system will have a capacity of two million gallons of water per day.

## SJ Firm Low Bidder On South Haven Job

SOUTH HAVEN — Superior Home Builders, Inc. St. Joseph, submitted the lowest bid on the

construction contract for new boat launching facilities along the Black river here, according to City Manager Albert Pierce.

Bids were opened Wednesday and will be presented to the city council for its consideration Monday night. Six other firms

also submitted bids, Pierce said.

Superior bid \$153,329 for the project which will include two new launching ramps, parking space, a service building and tennis courts.

The project will be financed with local, state and federal funds and is scheduled for completion by mid-summer.

## Youth Sentenced To Repair Lawns

DEARBORN HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — A Livonia youth has been ordered to repair each and every one of 42 lawns damaged when he drove his car over them.

Judge Richard Dunn of the 20th district issued the order Wednesday to Mark Grzelak, 17, a Livonia Franklin High School student.

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